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Bear Lake County Economic Overview

3,376 Civilian Labor Force (Dec 2022) Unemployment Rate (Dec 2022) 1.9% 6,545 Population (2021) Median Household Income (2021) \$60,337 Per Capita Personal Income (2020) \$46,370 Poverty Rate (2021) 13.1%

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1. Bear Lake County Demographic Characteristics, 2021 5-Year ACS

	Bear Lake County	Bear Lake County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	6,327	100.0%	1,811,617	329,725,481
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	6,063	95.8%	86.5%	68.2%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	14	0.2%	0.7%	12.6%
Native American alone, not hispanic	76	1.2%	1.3%	0.8%
Asian alone, not hispanic	123	1.9%	1.4%	5.7%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	283	4.5%	12.9%	18.4%
Gender				
Male	3,181	50.3%	50.4%	49.5%
Female	3,146	49.7%	49.6%	50.5%
Age				
Median age	38.9	-	36.8	38.4
Under 18 years	1,741	27.5%	25.3%	22.5%
Over 18 years	4,586	72.5%	74.7%	77.5%
21 years and over	4,107	64.9%	65.4%	68.3%
Over 65 years	1,267	20.0%	15.8%	16.0%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	36	0.6%	2.2%	3.3%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	1,541	24.4%	18.7%	18.2%
Some college, no degree	1,094	17.3%	16.4%	13.4%
Associate's degree	405	6.4%	7.0%	6.1%
Bachelor's degree	545	8.6%	14.0%	14.7%
Graduate or professional degree	239	3.8%	7.3%	9.5%
Median Household Income	\$60,337	-	\$63,377	\$69,021

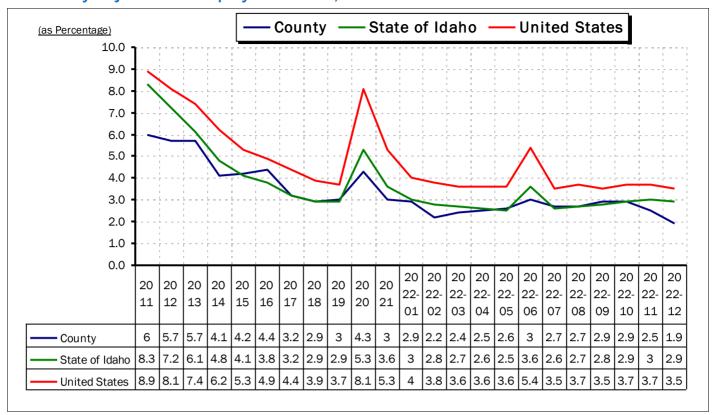
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force Growth, December 2021 to December 2022

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
December 2022	3,376	3,313	63	1.9%
December 2021	3,210	3,128	82	2.6%
YoY % Change	5.2%	5.9%	-23.2%	-0.7%

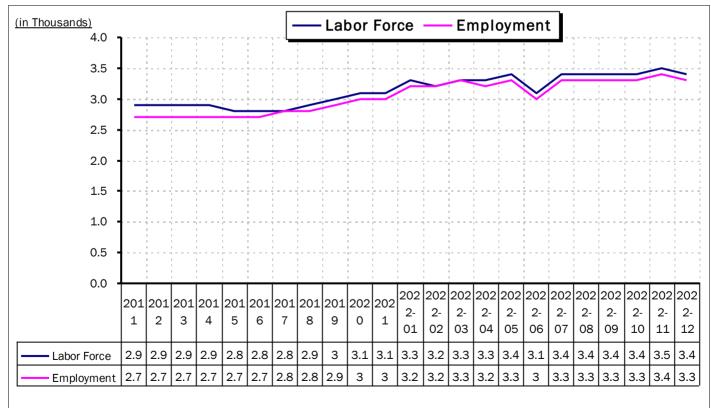
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS)

3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2011 to December 2022



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4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2011 to December 2022



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5. Industry Employment and Wages, 2011, 2020, and 2021

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Supersector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	1,677	\$24,353	1,721	\$31,043	1,791	\$33,192
Natural Resources and Mining			8	\$24,417	7	\$33,758
Construction	41	\$30,396	50	\$31,313	64	\$34,475
Manufacturing	42	\$26,715	78	\$35,881	83	\$43,284
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	447	\$22,148	324	\$29,562	349	\$30,563
Information	31	\$9,840			18	\$29,425
Financial Activities	45	\$26,852	45	\$45,769	49	\$49,505
Professional and Business Services	97	\$34,506	221	\$25,729	227	\$33,427
Education and Health Services	535	\$27,404	578	\$37,725	586	\$38,173
Leisure and Hospitality	216	\$11,388	191	\$12,367	197	\$13,240
Other Services	25	\$17,122	27	\$35,172	28	\$33,822
Public Administration	186	\$30,735	174	\$35,525	177	\$35,463

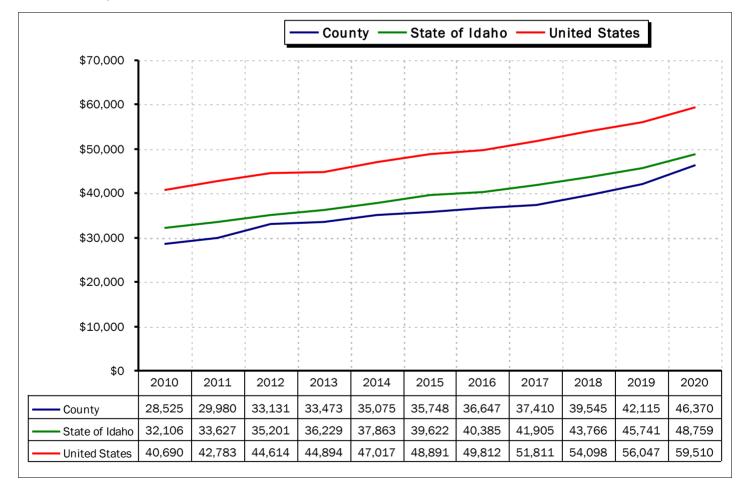
Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

6. Top Employers, 2021

Employer	Ownership	Employment Range
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital	Local Government	250 - 499
Bear Lake School District	Local Government	100 - 249
Bear Lake County	Local Government	050 - 099
Broulim's Foodtown	Private	050 - 099
Resource Management	Private	050 - 099
City Of Montpelier	Local Government	010 - 049
U.s. Forest Service	Federal Government	010 - 049
Coopers North Beach	Private	010 - 049
Gundersen Hardware Inc Dba Gunderse	Private	010 - 049
Plastiformance	Private	010 - 049

NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor- Quarterly Census of Employment Wages (QCEW)

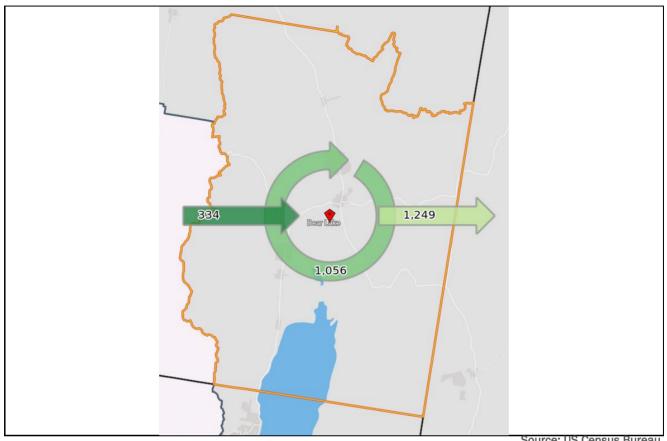
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2010 to 2020



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2019

It is estimated that 1,056 workers lived and worked in Bear Lake County in 2019. Another 334 workers were employed in Bear Lake County but lived outside, while 1,249 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Bear Lake County Live, 2019

City of Residence	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Montpelier	599	43.1%
Paris	55	4.0%
Georgetown	52	3.7%
Bennington	44	3.2%
Pocatello	40	2.9%
Soda Springs	20	1.4%
Bloomington	14	1.0%
Logan , UT	13	0.9%
St. Charles	13	0.9%
Rexburg	9	0.6%

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs. Source: US Census Bureau- Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD)

10. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Live in Bear Lake County Work, 2019

City of Employment	Count of All Jobs	Percentage of Total Jobs
Montpelier	804	34.9%
Soda Springs	183	7.9%
Pocatello	99	4.3%
Boise City	77	3.3%
Paris	69	3.0%
St. Charles	65	2.8%
Garden City town, UT	44	1.9%
Idaho Falls	43	1.9%
Twin Falls	33	1.4%
Rexburg	29	1.3%

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